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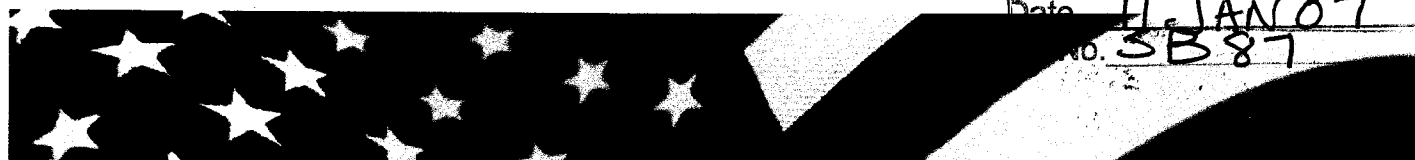
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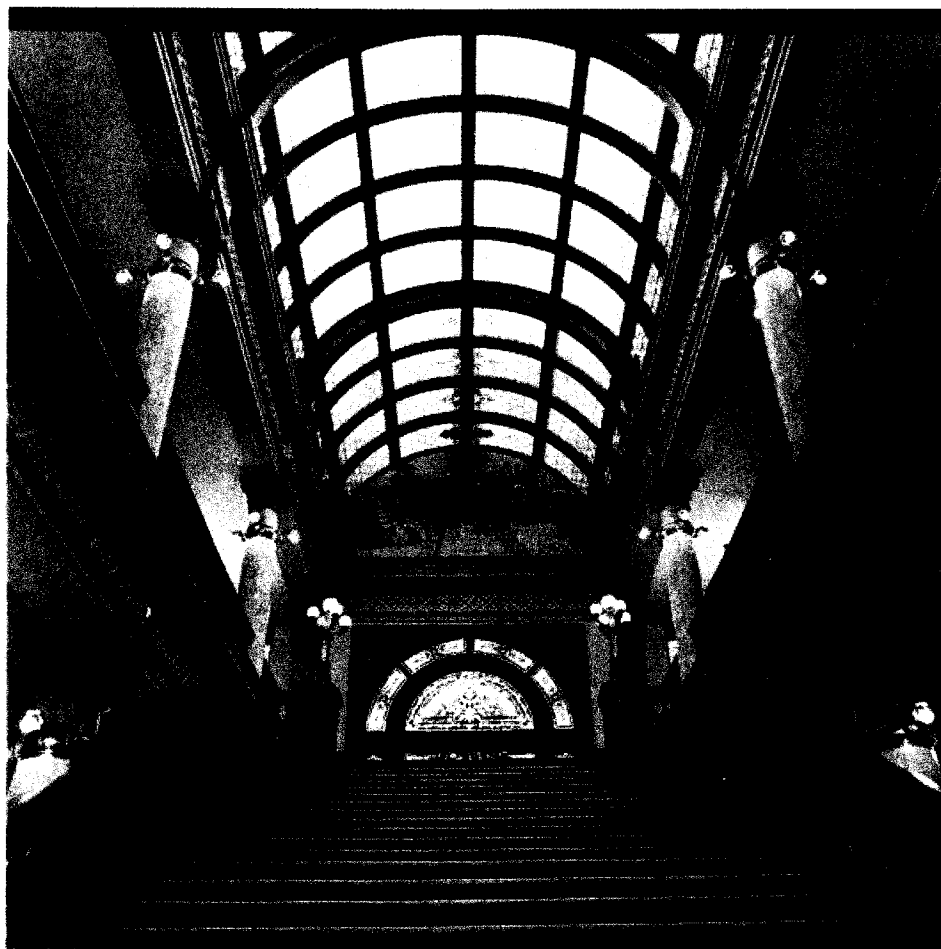
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## ***A Message from Secretary of State Brad Johnson***



Dear Montana Voter,

I am pleased to provide this Voter Information Pamphlet to assist you in making decisions regarding how you will cast your vote on several initiatives that will be on the ballot during the General Election this year.

The Montana Constitution reserves for Montanans the right to directly initiate change in our government. This is done through the initiative and referendum process where individuals, groups and the legislature propose constitutional or statutory changes. Citizens gather signatures on initiative petitions to have those proposed changes placed on the ballot so that all registered voters may have a voice in that decision. This year the ballot will include several constitutional and statutory initiatives proposed by citizens as well as one constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature.

In addition to the initiatives, I have included a number of items in this pamphlet designed to assist you in voting. You will find information on each of the political parties as well as contact information for local election offices and facts regarding new changes in voting laws.

You will also find more information regarding elections on my web site at [www.sos.mt.gov](http://www.sos.mt.gov), or call my office toll-free at 1-888-884-VOTE (8683).

As Montana's Chief Elections Officer I cannot over stress the importance of informed participation in our democracy. Our government is never better than we demand it to be or worse than we allow it to be. I urge each of you to carefully read this pamphlet, ask questions and be prepared to cast an informed vote during this General Election. Your vote is your voice in government. Make your voice be heard.



Brad Johnson, Secretary of State

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## ***Key Election Reminders***

- ◆ Remember, if you damage your ballot, make a mistake on it, or overvote, do not throw away your ballot, try to erase it, or scratch out a mistake – just ask an election judge for a new one.
- ◆ November 7 is Election Day. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in most localities. Precincts of 200 or fewer voters may open their polling places at noon. Check your local media or county election office (see page 50 of this pamphlet) for the polling times and places in your area.
- ◆ Don't forget to bring your ID when you vote!

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